

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled).

10. (Previously presented) An actuator assembly for recording information onto a disc surface in a multi-disc track writer, the actuator assembly comprising:

an E-block having one or more elongated actuator arms, each actuator arm having a distally located recording head; and
means for rotating the E-block in the actuator assembly to position the recording heads over a disc surface.

Claims 11-12 (Cancelled).

13. (Previously presented) The actuator assembly of claim 10 further comprising means for moving the actuator between a recording position and a disc loading and unloading position.

Claims 14-15 (Cancelled).

16. (Previously presented) A track writing apparatus comprising:

an actuator assembly comprising a stationary actuator block having a cavity therein;
and

a rotational gas bearing comprising an outer race fixed to the actuator block and a rotatable inner spindle fixed in rotation with a head for storing data on the track.

17. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the rotational gas bearing defines a gap between the outer race and the inner spindle adapted for containing a pressurized fluid supporting the inner spindle in a non-contacting engagement with the outer race.

18. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the inner spindle is operably rotatable around an axis of rotation that is substantially perpendicular to a direction of gravitational force.

19. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the heads are rotated around the inner spindle axis of rotation.

20. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 16 further comprising a motor coupled to the inner spindle.

21. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20 further comprising a corner cube providing positional information for controlling the motor to position the heads.

22. (Currently amended) A track writing apparatus comprising a ~~statically~~ pressurized fluid bearing supporting a data transfer head relative to a storage medium, the bearing configured to retain a pressurized fluid while maintaining the head in a stationary position.

23. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the fluid bearing rotationally supports the data transfer head.

24. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the fluid bearing comprises a fixed race in noncontacting engagement with a rotatable spindle.

25. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the spindle operably rotates around an axis of rotation that is substantially perpendicular to a direction of gravitational force.